# Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

## Edmonia Lewis

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November 17, 1972

Dr. Norman Lenson
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Dear doctor Lenson:

This is to confirm our conversation about the Abraham Lincoln portrait being in the house of Boulder Farm in Newton, Mass. which belonged to Mr. Robert Gould Shaw.

I did the appraisal for them and the pictures were mostly of the Barbizon school and some old masters. Mr. Hubley did the auction. This was probably around 1936. I do not remember the exact time. At the time, one of the assistants of the auctioneer told me it was painted by a colored sculptor, Edmonia Lewis (1845-1890) who also did the portrait of General Robert Gould Shaw who commanded the colored regiment. His statue is in frontof the State House and was done by Saint Gaudens.

This is the reason, when you brought the painting in for identity, I could without a doubt recognize it as the same painting.

Sincerely yours,

Giovanni Castano

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a photograph of a picture of Abraham Lincoln and documentation which is self-explanatory. I have decided to place this painting on the market for sale. Rather than submit it to Marshall for auction, I thought that I would give you the first opportunity for acceptance or refusal.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Lenson, M.D.

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(original in safe)

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